

QA-24  
McGinnes Farm  
Crumpton  
Private

circa 1820-1850

The gambrel roof house on the McGinnes farm was built in two sections, the western section dating to circa 1820-1850, and the east section dating to circa 1850. In the early 20th century the interior was partially renovated, and more recently a two story "tower" was added to accommodate modern plumbing facilities. The original house is typical of a house type widely used in this area, combining a hall-parlor plan with a 1 1/2 story gambrel roof form. Of particular note is a post-and-plank meathouse with unusual dovetailed corner posts similar to the corn crib at the Goodhand House (QA-10).

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

McGinnes farm, Schumann farm, Thomas McGinnes Farm

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

North side of Md. Rt. 544, <sup>on Deep Landing Road</sup> approx. 2 miles southwest of Crumpton

CITY, TOWN

Crumpton

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Queen Anne's

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED☒ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☒ OTHER: vacant**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

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CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

☐ VICINITY OFSTATE, zip code  
Maryland 21620**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Queen Anne's County Courthouse

Liber #: CWC 112

Folio #: 67

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland 21617

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The McGinnes House is located on the north side of Maryland Route 544 approximately two miles southwest of Crumpton. The house sits on a low hill facing north across open farmland toward the Chester River.

The house was constructed in three different periods, and has been through several remodelings. The original house is frame, three bays wide and one-and-one half stories high with a gambrel roof. A single flush brick chimney is centered on each gable end, and a one story porch with Doric columns stretches across the south facade. This house was probably built circa 1820-1840, and the porch was added in the early 20th century. Sometime in the mid-nineteenth century, the house was extended to the east. This later section simply carried the story-and-a-half, gambrel roof form three more bays. Finally, a small, two story frame addition was made to the center of the north facade of the original house in the 20th century. This addition was made to facilitate a pump room and a modern bathroom. It is of particular interest because it bears a striking resemblance to a stair

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## CONTINUATION SHEET

## 7.1 DESCRIPTION

tower, a feature occasionally found on 17th and early 18th century houses. The resemblance is coincidence, however, as the addition is clearly modern in construction, and no traces are evident of an earlier structure.

The principal facade of the original house faces south, toward the road. The door is located in the center bay, and is flanked by large two-over-two windows. Three shed roof dormers with two-over-two sash are symmetrically arranged on this facade.

Centered on the west gable is a flush brick chimney with the chimney shaft exposed up to the first floor eave. There is a two-over-two window to the right of the chimney on the first floor. Both the chimney and the brick foundation are stuccoed over.

The north facade has been interrupted by the later two-story addition. It would appear that the fenestration was also changed at that time. There are two two-over-two windows to the left of the "tower", and a door and a window to the right. The addition has a hip roof, with one two-over-two window on the second floor of the north facade, and a door at ground level on the east facade.

## CONTINUATION SHEET

## 7.2 DESCRIPTION

The story-and-a-half addition made to the east gable of the original house is three bays wide, with a door in the center bay of each facade flanked by two-over-two windows. There are two shed roof dormers with two-over-two sash on each facade. A brick interior stove chimney rises at the center of the east gable. There is a one story porch across the north facade of the addition, and a hooded entrance cover over the door in the south facade. This section of the house rests on a concrete block foundation.

The entire house is covered with plain horizontal weatherboard siding, and the seams between the successive additions are not expressed. A plain box cornice is carried across both facades. The roof is asphalt shingle.

The original house has a hall-parlour plan, with the smaller parlour to the west, and the hall to the east. A late 19th or early 20th century closed string stair with square newels and ballusters rises along the west wall of the east room to a landing along the north wall. A door leads from the landing to the second floor of the north addition.

## CONTINUATION SHEET

## 7.3 DESCRIPTION

The west room is heated by a fireplace on the gable wall, which retains the original mantel, with paneled pilasters surmounted by paneled blocks supporting a shelf with Greek ovolo moldings.

The east room also has a fireplace on the gable wall, but the mantel is early 20th century, with dark oak graining and two shelves setting off a mirrored overmantel. A door to the right of the fireplace leads to the east addition.

The second floor of the original house consists of a center stair hall flanked by a room on the west and a short hall and chamber to the east. The hall runs along the south wall, and leads to the second floor of the east addition. Both chambers are heated by small fireplaces.

The east addition consists of two rooms on each floor, with the larger east room on the first floor serving as a kitchen. An enclosed winder stair in the northeast corner rises to the second floor. The rooms in this part of the house are very plain, and only the east room on each floor was heated, using wood stoves.

## PERIOD

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This small frame dwelling is typical of a house type that was widely used in this area during the early nineteenth century, combining a hall-parlour plan with a story-and-a-half gambrel roof form. Examples of this building type can be found as early as the mid-18th century. The majority of examples, however, appear to date to the period 1820-1850, and the McGinnes House can be considered an example of this latter group. The frame addition to the east was made at an early date, probably no later than circa 1850, and stands in contrast to the two story, pitched roof additions commonly constructed after the Civil War.

The post-and-plank smokehouse adjacent to the house is of particular interest. Although approximately two dozen examples of post-and-plank construction have been recorded in Tidewater

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## 8.1 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Maryland, this is only the second example in which the planks are secured using a dovetail joint rather than the more common mortise-and-tenon joint.



**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION \_\_\_\_\_

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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Maryland 21617

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Thomas McGinnes Farm

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